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REMARKS

Claim 7 was objected to for an informality. Claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Gallagher et al (US Pat. No. 3,562,608). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Gallagher et al (US Pat. No. 3,562,608).

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Claims 1-6 were allowed. Claims 11-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10 The limitations of allowable claim 11 are being incorporated into base claim 7, without the limitations of the intervening claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-10, and 12, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings. Applicant
15 believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

20 If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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